

4. Ardenne's excellent relations with the East German government became evident when he was presented a big Soviet ZIS car by the East German authorities. He now has two private cars, since he brought his smaller-type Soviet car back from the USSR.
5. During the period preceding his return to Germany, Ardenne wrote a book about his former scientific work in Germany and later in the USSR. He brought the manuscript along to Germany and the book is to be published shortly.
6. In the USSR Ardenne was not engaged in really secret work, but worked very much along the lines he had followed in Germany prior to his departure to the USSR. While the work was not really secret, the members of his group were sworn to secrecy but this applied to all Germans in the USSR. Ardenne did not do any cyclotron work in the USSR. The cyclotron which formerly belonged to the German Reichspost and was shipped to the USSR in 1945 arrived there in badly damaged condition. It was only a short time at Ardenne's location in the USSR and was then re-shipped to an unknown destination. Ardenne did some work with a mass spectrometer. He also worked with an electron microscope which he had built in Germany and which he took along to the USSR. This microscope is now back in Dresden. Numerous allegations in the [] press to the effect that Ardenne had done super-secret work in the atomic field and that he had had personal contacts with Beria are entirely incorrect. Ardenne has never seen Beria. Also incorrect are reports which appeared in the [] press to the effect that Ardenne was present during alleged atomic experiments in the Ur-Ust region. 25X1
7. Ardenne was director of an institute in Sukhumi. Chemist Dr. P. A. Thiessen worked under Ardenne's direction. This fact created a great deal of friction between the two men, since Thiessen considered himself a scientist of much higher caliber than Ardenne.
8. Ardenne had at his disposal in Sukhumi a very large technical library which was composed predominantly of English and American scientific and technical books and papers. Whenever anything of English or American origin was wanted which was not available in the library, it was made available to Ardenne by Moscow. He also enlarged considerably the small German technical library which he had taken along to the USSR. While Ardenne had no difficulty whatsoever in obtaining the literature and equipment which he needed, he did not receive everything which was sent him from abroad. [] 25X1
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9. The Ardenne group enjoyed many privileges in the USSR, with the exception that most of its members were confined to their area of work and residence. Ardenne himself and Frau Suchland belonged to the very few members of the group who could move around practically freely. Frau Suchland accompanied Ardenne on numerous trips and also made trips alone without any surveillance to Leningrad, Moscow, the Crimea, and the Caspian Sea.
10. The Ardenne group in the USSR constituted an association of friends. There were only a few persons who disturbed the harmony. To these persons belonged Ardenne's father-in-law, Alexander Bergengruen, who went as far as to make official complaints against his son-in-law to the Soviet Communist Party authorities. His intrigues against his son-in-law, however, failed and he was informed by Party authorities that as an ex-member of the SS he had better remain passive in the USSR. Another troublemaker was H.A. Richter.

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11. Ardenne and his close intimates very often listened to the British and West German radio broadcasts and were therefore well informed on European developments. Neither Ardenne nor Frau Suchland is a Communist. [redacted]

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[redacted] Ardenne was offered the institute in Dresden long before he actually returned and when, through this offer, he obtained the impression that he would enjoy the thorough support of the East German government. Ardenne made the decision to stay in East Germany of his own free will. The Soviets had left it up to him to go wherever he wanted in Germany, including West Germany. During the last two years of his stay in the USSR, Ardenne did practically nothing but make designs for his institute in Dresden and pass on instructions about it. Frau Suchland, during this period, wrote about 4,000 (sic) letters to Dresden and this was the bulk of her work during the last two years.

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